GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1698
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DIRECT FUNDING TO A PANCHAYAT BY U.K.
Yerrannaidu Shri Kinjarapu

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Britain has provided direct grants to a Panchayat in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government has examined the adverse implications of a foreign government directly extending financial assistance to a Panchayat in the country;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b): According to information received from the State Government and the Ministry of Finance, to the best of their knowledge no Panchayat in Tamil Nadu has directly received any grants from the U.K. Government.

(c) to (e): Do not arise.